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Too Pretty To Convict



"She's too pretty to convict," said Associate City Counsellor Roy A. Fish when he asked dismissal of careless driving charges against 23-year-old Jean H. Klein, St Louis dress designer. Besides, he said, witnesses were lacking. The judge dismissed the case. The city charged Miss Klein's car rammed a fire plug at a street intersection. She claimed the car skidded on wet pavement.—AP Picture.

U.S. To Give 'Cool' Answer To Stalin Pact Offer

REASSURING SCANDINAVIA

London, Jan. 31.—America's answer to Marshal Stalin's "peace pact" offer may be discussed this week at the first full meeting between Mr Dean Acheson, the new Secretary of State, and the five Western Union Ambassadors, diplomatic observers in Washington thought today.

They believed the reply would aim at "reassuring" the Scandinavian countries and other European nations, particularly Italy, Portugal and Eire. It would be a "cool" answer, observers thought.

Diplomatic sources said they expected the Soviet Union would continue a "peace offensive" until mid-March when, according to present plans, the North Atlantic Pact is due to be signed by the Brussels treaty powers (Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg), the United States and Canada.

Observers felt that the Soviet strategy might lead the United States and the Western Union powers to consider speeding up the alliance programme.

In Berlin, Herr Karl Schwenneke, the Democratic Liberal Party leader, was quoted by the German news agency, DPD, as saying that Marshal Stalin's readiness to lift the "blockade" was explained by the "extraordinary efficiency of the airlift." Dr Ferdinand Friedenau, the "Western" Deputy Lord Mayor of Berlin, said the Stalin statement "shows the Soviet Union wishes, in collaboration with the Western powers, to bring to an end the unbearable situation in Berlin."

Dr Ott Suh, Chairman of Berlin's "Western" City Council, commented that the Soviet leader "gave no indication of guarantees for Berliners and Germans in general to let them build an independent administration for Berlin and a Federal Republic for Germany."

In Paris, a Foreign Office spokesman said the French Government attached a "certain importance" to the announcement that Marshal Stalin was prepared to meet President Truman to discuss drafting a peace pact.

It was still premature to make any comment, and it was not yet

known what action the French Government would take, the spokesman added.

Moscow Radio was broadcasting Marshal Stalin's "peace" statement in all news bulletins, both domestic and foreign, today. Sometimes the statement was repeated twice in succession.

Every language on the Russian broadcast list was used.

PRESS SCEPTICISM

Many British newspapers today were sceptical of the Stalin declaration, which they contrasted with the weekend Soviet denunciation of the Western powers and her questioning of Norway on the Atlantic Pact proposals.

Some papers, while declaring that Marshal Stalin's words could not be taken at their face value, urged the Western powers to make the most of them to secure a working agreement with Russia.

The Manchester Guardian said: "Stalin holds that Germany is the key to the 'cold war' and the defeat of the Western Union, and he is preparing to concentrate on it."

"In this sense, his statement is aimed quite as much at the confusion of German opinion as of American, British or French."

The Conservative Yorkshire Post commented: "For all its clumsiness, the Russian action may be offering us a chance of that showdown for which Mr Churchill asked some weeks ago."

"It may be the last chance to stop a drift towards a disastrous conflict." Declaring that the Soviet leader's words demand a response, the Liberal News Chronicle said: "The fact remains that Marshal Stalin's overtures to the West (for such they are) cannot be laughed off or cavalierly rejected."

The Conservative Daily Mail stated that in Germany "Russia wants to share in the recovery which she did her utmost to prevent. Nevertheless, if there is the slightest hope of reaching a settlement in Germany, it should be explored to the utmost."—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS CAUTIOUS

Lake Success, Jan. 31.—The Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr Trygve Lie, when asked tonight whether he would consider offering Lake Success as a "mutually acceptable" meeting place for President Truman and Marshal Stalin, said he would consider the matter and might make a statement tomorrow.

However, Marshal Stalin's latest move in the so-called "peace offensive" has been received with great caution by diplomats here. High officials of the United Nations declined to comment on it.

The move confirms statements by sources close to the Soviet delegation in Paris last November when they predicted that such an "offensive" would soon be launched in the West.

The political leaders of the Anglo-American Zone in Germany decided today that Marshal Stalin's declaration contained nothing to delay the preparations for a West German State.

Bizonal Minister Presidents, gathered in Frankfurt to meet the British and American Military Governors, agreed to set for a formal Allied decision whether the present Bonn Constituent Assembly was competent to draw up the electoral law for the first Parliament of the new State.

The United States was the first country to give de facto recognition to Israel on May 14, 1948—the day the new State was proclaimed.

American representation in Transjordan has been confined hitherto to a Consulate General in Jerusalem covering both Israel and Transjordan. Transjordan has no direct representation in Washington.—Reuter.

Bunche Offers Israeli & Egypt New Secret Peace Plan

Rhodes, Jan. 31.—The acting Palestine Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, handed to the Israeli and Egyptian delegates today a new peace plan—still secret—prepared yesterday and during the night by him. The plan is said to contain a compromise proposal to six armistice lines in the Negev desert of Southern Palestine.

An Israeli source told Reuter he thought the negotiations would be over by next Friday. The Israeli delegation is to meet Dr Bunche tonight to present their corrections and amendments to his proposals. The Egyptians are said to be awaiting new instructions from Cairo. They are believed to regard the plan less favourably than the Israelis.

Dr Bunche told reporters that the documents he had given both delegations had "several working papers designed to facilitate and expedite an agreement."

(These States are likely to object to the talks being held in Rhodes but

EDITORIAL

The Stalin Questionnaire

GENERALISSIMO Stalin has replied to a questionnaire submitted by the American International News Agency which was couched in such remarkable phraseology as to suggest it had been framed by the Kremlin. Throughout there appears to be an endeavour to give the impression that the United States is a supplicant for special favours and that the Kremlin is willing to give qualified consideration. On this score alone the questionnaire and the replies given thereto are open to suspicion, for there has been nothing in recent United States foreign policy vis-a-vis Russia and the international situation to give the Kremlin the slightest notion that America feels it incumbent to make obeisance to the Soviet Republic in resolving current problems which have largely been created by Russia. Note, for example, question 3, which asks if the governments of the United States, Britain and France agree to postpone creation of a separate Western German Government, pending a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to consider the German problem as a whole, without the Government of the USSR be prepared to lift the restrictions on communications between Berlin and the Western Zones of Germany? Now a question on this subject couched in such terms is wholly inconsistent with the expressed attitude of the Western Powers regarding the Berlin blockade, and cannot, therefore, be considered a serious approach to this special problem. It is, of course, typical of the Soviet technique—the effort to force the Western

powers into a false bargaining position to enable the Kremlin to win for itself political and diplomatic victories. The question dealing with the restoration of communications between the Soviet and Western German zones is the crux of the questionnaire. Inasmuch that the future peace of Germany and the rest of Europe can be said to hinge on the settlement of this longstanding dispute. But there will be rather more evidence of good faith on the part of the Soviets than Stalin's vague declaration if the whole problem of Germany's future is to be amicably and permanently solved.

The iron curtain was lowered, not by the Western Powers, but by Russia, and it is Russia who must raise it to enable herself and her wartime allies the opportunity of frank, but peaceful relations.

Stalin's offer to outlaw war and to reach a mutual pact of general disarmament throughout the world could constitute a vital move towards the end of the cold war, but it will have to be followed up on the part of the Kremlin with a more concrete sign of a genuine desire to achieve this end.

Russia has so often displayed bad faith in the councils of the nations during the past three years that it is difficult now to accept on face value the good intentions of the Soviet Republic.

Wherefore, if Stalin really means what he says in reply to the INS questionnaire, he will proceed immediately to confirm his attitude through the usual diplomatic channels. Such a gesture would command the respect and attention of the Western Powers.

Reuter.

FULL RECOGNITION

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Truman gave full recognition to the Governments of Israel and Transjordan today. The White House made separate announcements of due recognition for each Government. Full recognition means that the United States will appoint envoys to both countries.

Mr James MacDonald, special representative to Israel, may be the first United States Ambassador to Israel.

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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light variable winds, fair with fog patches over sea. Fog becoming general tonight. Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1016.5 mbs. 20.02 in. Temperature, 60.0 deg. F. Dew Point, 65 deg. F. Relative humidity, 91. Wind direction, North by East. Wind force, 0 knots. High water: Gf. 9in. at 11.02 p.m. Low water: 3ft. 3in. at 4.47 p.m.

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Li Tsung-Jen's Peace Mission Ready To Leave

NATIONALIST SPOKESMAN'S WARNING TO REDS

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—The new five-man people's peace delegation, appointed by President Li Tsung-jen during his brief visit here yesterday, were preparing today to start on their mission to contact the Chinese Communists in North China, according to Chinese reports.

The new delegation consists of Dr W. W. Yen, a veteran diplomat and civil leader, Mr Chang Hsueh-chow, a lawyer and educationalist, Mr Ling Yu-chiu, a civic and industrial leader, Mr Kiang Yun, lawyer, and Mr K. T. Chen, chairman of the Trustees of the Bank of China.

General Pai, in his lengthy address, reviewed the efforts made to begin peace talks with the Communists and continued: "So far as the Communists are concerned, we have done our best and showed our sincerity."

"What the people demanded of the Government has compiled. The Communists have not shown the same sincerity. They did not stop advancing along both the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railways."

GOVT. STILL TRYING

"The Communists are still advancing southwards and this makes it difficult for an honourable peace to be concluded, but the Government still has not given up."

"For its respect of the people, the Government is still trying to conclude an honourable peace with the Communists; also for the sake of not ruining the nation's resources."

General Pai, recalling the people's delegation request to him to stop fighting three days to enable them to arrange peace overtures, asked how he was to stop fighting when he was being continually pressed?

"I told the delegation and I repeat again that I fight on the defensive only when attacked and the Communists keep attacking. If you want peace, don't ask me to stop fighting, but ask the Communists to stop fighting as well."

"The only way to have peace is for both sides to lay down their arms and to stop advancing."—Reuter.

REDS TAKE OVER

Peiping, February 1.—Nationalist troops patrolled Peiping's main streets on Monday night after an estimated 15,000 Communist victors streamed into the city and settled down in the Old Legation quarter.

The bulk of General Fu Tsao-yi's 100,000 troops, however, were pulling out of the former outer perimeter of the Defence zone and preparing to march out to new camps where most of them will be transformed into Communist People's Liberation Army soldiers.

General Fu's personal troops, who remained on guard in the city, turned their eyes away from the victory processions yesterday afternoon as the Red Army marched to band music and the cheers of an organised minority into the ancient capital.

The Communist takeover was peaceful and orderly.

The main force entered Peiping through three city gates.

The first batch of Communist troops seemed to be nervous. The second and third waves, coming in American Dodge and General Motors six-by-six trucks, were far more cheerful and relaxed. They came armed to the teeth with American rifles, bazookas and machine-guns driving a few jeeps and other American trucks presumably taken from captured or destroyed Nationalist units.

CALM RECEPTION

Peiping received the conquerors with calm and curiosity. Various students and workers' organisations lined the roads with squads bearing great and colourful banners and shouting slogans, but this has not been the reflection of the general populace who demonstrated the same reserve with which they said have greeted six previous conquering waves in the last 40 years.

Plainclothes political workers accompanied the Red troops and have been busy putting up notices, urging the populace to remain calm and go about business as usual without fear and trouble.

Nationalist news censors were no longer on duty and no Communist censor has yet made an appearance.

Various soldiers said they had orders not to talk to foreigners but it was understood that the orders would be relaxed as soon as the occupation process was completed.—United Press.

Willing To Meet Stalin In Washington

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Truman was willing to see Marshal Stalin provided the meeting was held in Washington, a White House spokesman said today.

Mr Charles Ross, the Presidential Secretary, told a press conference that there was no comment from the President on Generalissimo Stalin's statement yesterday.

He was then asked if the President's position regarding such a meeting had changed. Mr Ross said that the last official word he had received on the subject was the President's statement to a recent press conference that he was willing to see Marshal Stalin any time he came to Washington.

Mr Ross said there had been no official message from the Soviet Government regarding a meeting.—Reuter.

Tear Bombs Thrown At Mosley

London, Jan. 31.—Tear gas bombs were thrown into the audience when Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists, addressed a meeting of his Union Movement in London tonight.

About 100 people were affected and left the hall. Thirty were treated in an emergency hospital in the basement of the building.

The meeting was held in the town hall of Kensington, a prosperous London borough, and in his address Sir Oswald said it was the first time the Movement had been allowed such a meeting place.

He introduced three Union candidates to contest South Kensington in the London County Council elections in April.—Reuter.

TWO TRAIN CRASHES

81 PERSONS HURT

London, Jan. 31.—Eighty-one persons were hurt in two train crashes in Scotland and England.

Seventy-six persons were injured at Glasgow when a shipyard workers train ploughed into the rear of a train standing at the station. All were taken to hospital but only two were held for treatment.

At East Horndon near London five persons were cut by flying glass when the door of a train going in one direction flew open and smashed the windows of a train passing in the opposite direction.—United Press.

NO RED PROBE IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 31.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, today rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons that he should set up an independent Royal Commission on the lines of the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States Congress.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, had wanted a Commission to report on the extent and nature of Communist organisations and their subversive activities in Britain.—Reuter.

Dutch Will Not Comply With Indonesia Peace Plan

Lake Success, Jan. 31.—The Dutch have refused to comply "at this time" with the new United Nations Security Council peace plan for Indonesia, according to information reaching United Nations Headquarters.

Reports from the Commission for Indonesia in Batavia said the Netherlands authorities were awaiting instructions from the Hague concerning the Security Council resolution approved on Friday, which called on the Dutch to free all Indonesian Republican leaders in captivity, recognise the authority of the new and strengthened Commission in the Indies and make peaceful and gradual moves toward giving the new United States of Indonesia sovereignty by the middle of 1950.

Dispatches to the United Nations reported that two more Indonesian officials had been imprisoned by the Dutch, allegedly for creating unrest among the population.

In passing the new plan, the Security Council made no provision for forceful steps to make either the Dutch or the Indonesians comply in the event of refusal to do so.—United Press.

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WOMANSENSE

There's No Rigid Rule To Picture-hanging, but . . .

By ELEANOR ROSS

WITH the growing interest in beautifying the home, there is an increasing interest in the intelligent use of pictures. For there is no more charming way of spotting the largest area in a room, the wall, than with that most delightful wall accessory, pictures. A pleasing picture, in an appropriate frame gives a room of well-dressed appearance. There is no adequate substitute for the feeling of culture than the intelligent use of pictures can impart to a frame.

There are only a few basic rules to follow in choosing pictures. Two prime factors should be satisfied. First, you will choose pictures you like. This sounds too simple to be worthy of mention, but pictures are a personal affair; they mean one thing to one person, and something entirely different, or indifferent, to another. Of course, all pictures are not set off advantageously in any one room. The colour and form of the pictures must blend harmoniously with the whole of the room's decor, although there is a rigid restriction of what will blend with what. Skillfully handled, appropriately framed paintings lend themselves to any period of furnishing.

Colour Harmony

Harmony of colour can be largely achieved through picking up the dominant colour of the picture. In other accessories in the room: lampshades, coloured glassware, or articles of colour in draperies or upholstery.

An artistic picture arrangement depends on several factors. Pictures should be hung in relation to

the furniture grouping. Every picture should convey the feeling of belonging; it should be an intrinsic part of the whole. For instance, a group of simple framed prints centred over a desk and lamp arrangement presents a look pleasing and well-balanced. Or, a horizontal arrangement of prints hung close to a long place such as a sofa or side-board gives it added importance.

Rigid Rule

Every picture should in some way be supported by floor pieces. There is a rigid rule for hanging pictures. They should be hung as near to eye level as possible, but other factors are matters of nice balance and good taste; a large picture over a large piece of furniture, or, if small pictures are hung, group them into an important arrangement.

HOLLYWOOD—A movie actor,

tired of patching up his children's cuts and removing their splinters, says he has invented a new line of safety toys.

"No silvers, no poisonous paints, no sharp edges" is Dave Willock's slogan for his patented playthings.

He began as a hobby, Willock explained, at Paramount as he whittled out a toy horse for Alana Ladd, whose daddy, Alan Ladd, stars in Willock's picture, "One Woman."

"I've done everything around the house from decorating 'birthday' cakes to making the furniture," he said. "Just like a tinker. And it does save money."

His last creation was a lazy Susan table. It includes the front wheel bearing of a Chevrolet.

Willock's been turning out gadgets for children from the workshop in his North Hollywood garage.

Safety Policy

"I first made a toy Taylor tot for my daughter," he said. "The neighbours liked it and I made some for their kids. Then one of the big downtown stores said they'd take 75 week."

"Now I'm making a play pen for dolls. It's just like a baby's pen only smaller. And it's handy. My wife throws all the toys in the pen and they don't mess up the floor."

Next in Willock's line will be miniature furniture for dolls. He's making them all of pine, so expertly finished that not even the toughest six-year-old can splinter it. All the edges are smoothly rounded to avoid cuts and bruises.

Willock has so many orders for his toys now he has bought extra tools, put the neighbourhood boys to work and is considering giving up acting to make toys full-time. "I bought steel for 4,000 kiddle Taylor tots last week," he said. "It's piled so high in my garage I can't get the car in."

Penicillin in Dust Form

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE are numbers of different ways in administering penicillin. For example, it may be injected into a muscle, it may be taken by mouth, and now it may even be breathed in, in the form of a mist or dust.

An extensive study has been carried out by Dr Krasno and his co-workers on more than 350 patients, using penicillin dust and, under his direction, a simple apparatus for administering the dust has been devised.

Cold Symptoms

Of the 350 patients, about two-thirds had infections of the respiratory tract, and the majority had symptoms of a cold. The great majority of the remainder had infections of the lung. A few were given the penicillin dust as a preventive against infection, before and after operations. The lung infections treated were bronchitis and the infections that accompany bronchiectasis, a condition in which the tubes in the lungs are dilated or stretched.

The patients breathed in the penicillin one to three times daily. Tests to determine the number of germs present in the nose, throat, and lungs showed a great reduction following the use of the penicillin dust.

Studies of the blood showed that the penicillin was absorbed into the blood, the amount in the blood being great enough to have an active effect for a period of five hours following the treatment.

Occasionally, reactions to the penicillin occur in the form of skin rashes and some irritation of the throat.

Of the entire group of patients treated, more than a third were greatly improved, and another third were moderately improved.

This method of treatment seems to have particular value in bronchiectasis. Improvement usually can be obtained within ten days to two weeks, and can be maintained by continued treatment at home.

The treatment with the penicillin dust cannot be relied on for handling more serious infections, such as pneumonia. In such cases the injection of penicillin into a muscle or its use by mouth is also advisable.

The penicillin dust treatment is economical, and hospitalisation is not necessary in carrying it out. The patient getting such treatment can go about his business without loss of time. Of course, the treatment must always be carried out under the direction of the physician.

Household Hints

To get rid of squeaks in the floor, locate the loose boards, then drive in long, finishing nails. Drive the right hand nail on a slant towards the left, and the left hand nail slanting towards the right, so that a sort of open wedge is formed. If there are gaps between the floor boards, fill them up with thin wedges of wood.

If you buy a lamp with a dark coloured shade, be sure it has a white lining for good lighting.

When you use your electric iron, make sure that all snaps, buttons, hooks, etc., face the roller, so that the shoe or soleplate will not be scratched or the garment fasteners broken.

PRUNELLA WOOD

YET another skirt silhouette hangs from the shoulders by suspenders, not attractive over or under a blouse, and the buttoned bodice fits like the paper on the wall...no room for a blouse beneath it. Collar and cuffs are double, white pique over navy faille.

Although frock top and skirt look like the halves of a suit, rather than a complete dress,

such is not the fact; the skirt is

such is not the fact; the skirt is

Look Your Best at All Times



Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures.
"Brush your frock the minute you take it off," says Barbara Hale, cinema star.

By HELEN FOLLETT

CHANGE your outer appearance

for the better and the inner

life, that you live in your mind, will

perk up and be brighter of spirit.

Every woman remembers the times

when a new hat put her on her toes,

when a cute little trick of a gown

nipped off half a dozen birthdays.

Beautifying effects must go on and

on. Let up and you are lost. Those

long-nosed lemons who sneer at

girls who sit before their mirrors,

and try to make the best of themselves, would do well to play the same game, get in the parade, march

toward the pulchritude goal.

Wear dull, drab colours and that

is the way you will feel. Gay

colours are fashionable. Make the

best of your opportunity. A cute

hat, trimmed with flowers, will

youify a woman of forty. For

that matter, there is no reason why

a woman of eighty should not in-

dulge in smart, becoming, uplifting

millinery modes. It is silly to say

that styles have been resurrected

from the past; there is always the

modern, up-to-the-minute touch

that is added.

Unless you give thought to your

clothes you are not being fair to

yourself. To be well dressed does

not mean heavy expense of money,

only the application of good taste.

When you have nice clothes, take

care of them. Have them cleaned

and pressed often, brush them be-

tween each wearing and remove

spots as soon as possible.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Proper Food and Your Health

EVERY year a greater percentage of the population in America is becoming middle aged and elderly. Children born today have a life expectancy of about 18 years more than was expected by their grandparents. This is largely the result of success in learning how to combat infections and diseases of babyhood and childhood, and to greater knowledge of nutrition.

For according to the best scientific research, food habits and nutrition have a great influence on the health of all people. This includes the maturing, the middle aged and the elderly groups.

Proper Foods

What most of us don't realise is that old age begins to overtake us years after it is apparent, and that if we hope to remain mentally and physically healthy, active, useful and happy, we must eat the foods that will restore, invigorate and maintain the body. This is not a matter of special diets. It concerns itself with a life-long, balanced diet that contains all the elements needed for healthy living. This means the usual proteins, starch, sugars and fat with which we are familiar, plenty of water, and many more vitamins and mineral-rich foods than most people think necessary. I have seen some old people who were very thin. And when I made inquiries I found it was because they could not chew the family foods so they were not eating enough to eat.

"If grandma or grandpa have any difficulty with the teeth, their food should be well cooked, and if necessary, put through the food chopper," remarked the Chef.

"Then there's the question of the best time for their dinner. Should they have it at noon or at night? If they are not very active it should very definitely be at noon, and supper should be light, served not later than six o'clock so it will be quite well digested before they retire."

"What would you do for a fellow who is unhappy without the apple pie for breakfast?" grinned the Chef.

"I'd tell him he's getting too fat and should begin to reduce," I answered, giving the Chef a meaningful look.

"You would deprive a poor old fellow of the simple joy of a piece of pie?" teased the Chef.

Bran Crust

"Not if he were really old," I retorted. "I'd give it to him, but it would be deep-dish pie with only one thin biscuit crust. If he needed bulk in his diet, I'd put a little bran into the crust. If he needed more protein, I'd add a little soy flour, but I'd never tell him."

"And what if he would eat only the fried eggs?" persisted the Chef.

"Then they could be steam-fried in a little water and butter. When the water evaporates, the butter

should be browned. Cut in finger lengths; serve very hot.

Trick of the Chef

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FULL DRESS DINNER—Dressed—as always—in formal dinner attire, these penguins in the London Zoological Gardens lift their beaks in preparation for a few tasty titbits from their keeper.



BARNYARD PLUM-AGE—New York model Midge Ware takes a "gander" at a white China goose whose feathers are the same as those of her spring hat of poultry feathers.



ARAB MOTHER—An Arab woman comforts her hungry son while awaiting milk distribution by the UN International Children's Emergency Fund. Over 700,000 Palestinian refugees are quartered in an improvised tent city in Lebanon.



COUPLE OF OLD HANDS—Little Billy Scholz checks his watch with the veteran George Johnson before a run on the Illinois Central out of Chicago. Four-year-old Billy hasn't had quite the 49 years' experience of the older engineer but time will tell.



WINTER'S MAGIC—The fine hand of nature's artistry produced this enchanting wonderland in the famous Bois De Boulogne in Paris. The picturesque waterfall was transformed by the chilly winter weather.



PLAYTIME DRESS—Cyd Charisse wears a winter play dress for lounging around the yard—in California. The angora sweater is just a precaution at her Hollywood home as she poses in comfortable shorts.



RAIL HERO—Jimmy Colclough, 11-year-old Canastota, New York, lad, examines a model of the De Witt Clinton at New York Central's office. Presented with numerous gifts and promised a job on the line in future years, the youngster discovered a broken rail and told railway officials in time to avert an accident.



WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT?—Little John Ostrand can't quite see why Peter Hermann is crying when he is the one with a coveted bottle of milk. Both foreign-born dependents of American servicemen, they recently flew to New York to begin a new life.



SUPPLY DUMP—A Dutch soldier relaxes as an informal guard is placed over this temporary supply depot near Indonesia. His companion, rear, is checking on snipers as mop-up operations continue against scattered resistance.



NICE ANGLE—Lee Garee, 16, Queen of the Anglers, casts her line as she prepares for her role as reigning monarch during the Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament.

**TODAY'S
"HIT
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Western United States Hit By Cold Spell

Chicago, Jan. 31.—The Western States staggered today from the battering of one of the worst winters in history. Housewives will probably feel the full effects eventually in food supplies and costs. Some of the effects, strangely, may be beneficial.

An extended series of storms, starting the day after New Year, hit South California, lashed through the coastal and Rocky Mountain ranges and swept 1,100 miles across the meat locker and bread basket States.

Crowds Hold Up Trial Of German Red

Duesseldorf, Jan. 31.—Judgment will be given here tomorrow in the trial of the West German Communist leader, Herr Max Reimann, which provoked excited demonstrations outside the court today.

He is charged with "encouraging discrimination against persons who have aided or may aid the Military Government of the Allied Forces."

German mounted police today broke up street demonstrations when crowds singly the International temporarily halted the trial. Reimann was surrounded by two or three hundred people carrying banners inscribed: "Down with the Ruhr Statute" and "Liberty of Speech" when he left the courtroom.

Reimann's trial had been twice deferred. The prosecutor quoted Reimann as saying that German politicians who were prepared to work under the Ruhr Statute should not be surprised if they were regarded as quislings and the day would come when they would have to count on reprisals.

Two German journalists said Reimann made the first statement but could not confirm that he had threatened reprisals. The prosecution then agreed to drop that part of the charge.

When Reimann gave evidence on his own behalf this afternoon, the magistrate rebuked him for making a political speech. His British counsel, Mr Dudley Collard, objected that Reimann was trying to justify his use of the word "quisling."

Reimann went on: "I made my speech attacking the German politicians because I am convinced that German politicians under the Ruhr Statute and the occupation statute will establish a Government which will split Germany."

"The German people want a republic for the whole of Germany—a democratic republic and a Central German Government. They do not want a West German Government, but they want a peace treaty."—Reuter.

Acquitted On War Crimes Charge

Leeuwarden, Holland, Jan. 31.—Joseph Schreider, former chief of the German counter-espionage in Holland, was acquitted on a war crimes charge here today and immediately re-arrested on the court's order to be deported as an undesirable alien.

The court decided it was not proved that he had ordered the execution of 14 Dutchmen in April, 1945, as a reprisal for alleged sabotage at Dronrijp, a village near Leeuwarden.

He was also acquitted on a charge of being a member of the German security police.—Reuter.

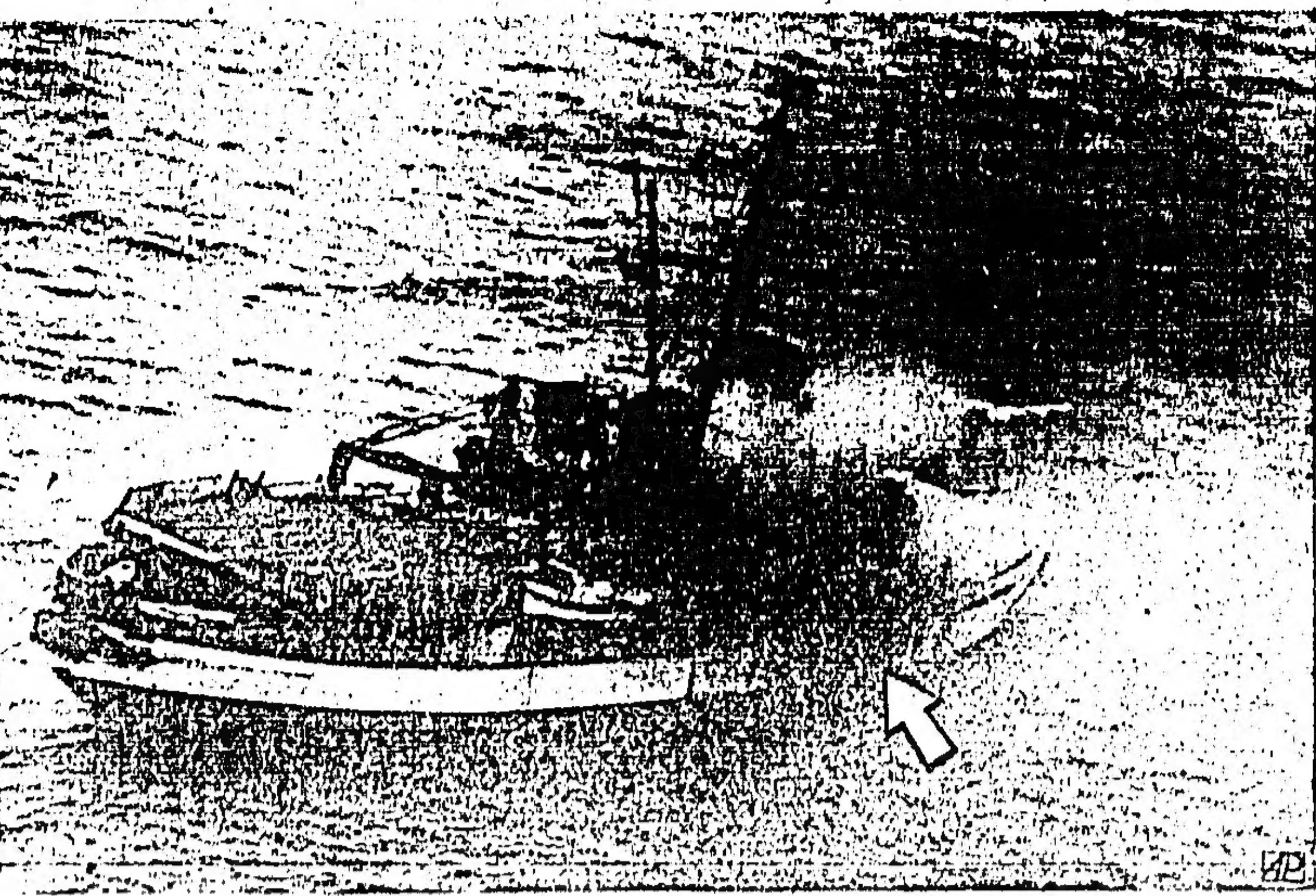
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I was sort of engaged to him last summer, but when he fell for that dizzy sophomore and her convertible, I couldn't stand him!"

Crippled Coastguard Icebreaker



Conservative estimates indicated that the storms left more than 5,000,000 meat animals imperilled by feed shortages. A check of officials in 12 States showed that storms to date have cost 78 lives lost in fighting blizzards, in storm accidents and by freezing. Estimated overall losses to date are US\$100,000,000.

The storms also killed an estimated 110,000 cattle and 134,000 sheep, in addition to endangering 2,725,000 cattle and 2,325,000 sheep valued at an estimated \$421,160,000. Heavy snow covers many areas and the Stockmen, national stock newspaper, estimated that 1,000,000 head of cattle and sheep would be found dead in Wyoming, Colorado and the Dakotas.

Crop losses are estimated at \$100,000,000, property damage at \$1,073,000, railway damage and revenue losses at \$50,000,000, and wages lost at \$1,000,000.

At the great storms swept across the plains, snow bank piled on snow bank. Humans froze to death. Hundreds of cattle and sheep died in their tracks and were buried in the snow. Some died alongside their ice-filled troughs.

Entire cities were snowbound. Hard-packed drifts as high as 40 feet blocked rescue workers in Nebraska.

The weather had warmed a bit yesterday, but another cold wave and storm are moving in from Canada.—United Press.

Winter Strikes Southern U.S.

New York, Jan. 31.—Snow, sleet and freezing rain in the southern United States today caused 17 deaths. In Kentucky, four people died in accidents and five in fires blamed on overheated furnaces.

In Arkansas, two people died in flood and two through the cold. Louisiana and Tennessee each reported a traffic death.

The bodies of an elderly Negro couple were found frozen in a flooded cotton field near Charleston, Missouri.—Reuter.

Conference On Building

Geneva, Jan. 31.—Housing experts from Eastern and Western European countries and the United States meet here today to try to modernise Europe's building industry.

The experts were faced by an estimate made by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that it will take nearly 40 years to provide adequate housing for Europeans at the present rate of building.

The Economic Commission also reported that the building industry was making a slower recovery from the war than any other major European industry.

The countries represented at the meeting are Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Greece, Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

Compromise Sought On Overfishing

Washington, Jan. 31.—A reliable source said today that the Spanish, Portuguese and French delegations to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Conference were trying to find some compromise between the United States draft convention and the Norwegian, Danish and British viewpoints.

The source said every effort would be made to form some type of international commission with scientific and investigating powers to try to establish whether overfishing existed in the Northwest Atlantic areas, and if so what sort of regulations should be recommended.

Probable up to five years might be proposed for the commission's work and then a further conference would have to be held in the event of the commission considering regulations necessary.

The United States delegation has asserted that there is overfishing on George's Bank, off the New England Coast, but there is no evidence of it in other Northwest Atlantic areas.

Some Scandinavian delegates are not convinced that the present scarcity of fishing on George's Bank is due to overfishing and point out it might be due to other causes, which should also be studied.—United Press.

Anglo-Swiss Trade Talks To Continue

London, Jan. 31.—The Anglo-Swiss trade and financial talks, originally expected to end today, will continue for another week, it was learned here from an authoritative source today.

The main difficulty facing the two delegations is to fit the allowances for British tourists to Switzerland into Switzerland's total payments balance with the sterling area.

The British delegates are apparently making a pretty low estimate of the amount Britain herself will earn in visible trade with Switzerland in 1949.

Competition from German exporters, who can undersell Britain, has caused a drop in British exports to Switzerland, and officials apparently believe this decrease has come to stay.

The Treasury will only allow a certain proportion of Britain's Swiss franc earnings to be used for tourists. During the 1948 negotiations, it was estimated that Britain would be able to spare £5,000,000 for this purpose during the year.

It is understood that the Swiss delegation has asked for a larger amount to be released for tourists in 1949, while British officials are not even sure that last year's total can be repeated.

Much hard bargaining is expected during the coming week, but usually well informed sources were not today prepared to predict the outcome.—Reuter.

Royal Couple To Tour Lancashire

London, Jan. 31.—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will tour Lancashire on March 29 and 30, visiting Manchester, Liverpool and Preston, it was announced from Buckingham Palace today.

On February 28 they will attend their first function together in London this year—a preview of the Ideal Homes Exhibition at Olympia. On May 3 the Princess and the Duke will visit the British Industries Fair at Earl's Court, Birmingham.—Reuter.

Kravchenko Admits Using False Names

BRITISH M.P. MAY BE CALLED BY DEFENCE IN LIBEL SUIT

Paris, Jan. 31.—Victor Kravchenko, Russian-born author of the anti-Soviet best seller, "I Chose Freedom," said in court today that he had used ten or fifteen different names "to protect himself from his enemies."

He is suing the French Communist literary weekly Les Lettres Francaises for libel damages of three million francs for saying that he was not literate enough to write a book, that he was a liar, a traitor and an habitual drunkard.

When Maitre Nordmann, Counsel for the weekly, asked today if he knew a Paul Nedrin, the plaintiff smiled and said: "Yes and no." He said that he had often changed his name, had used 15 already and might have to use another 10.

People in court applauded when Kravchenko, in reply to a request for his identity papers, said: "I am not in the Soviet Union where you need a pile of documents. I am in free France."

The judge rebuked the applauding public and expelled one man from the court.

Maitre Nordmann alleged that Kravchenko had received "extraordinary privileges" from the American Departments of State, Justice and Police.

The Counsel said that without their aid, Kravchenko could not have obtained an exit permit from the United States and a French entry visa under the false name of Paul Nedrin.

One of Kravchenko's witnesses, a stout middle-aged Russian woman from a displaced persons camp in Germany, burst into tears when telling how she lost her farm in Russia in 1930 under the collectivisation of farms programme.

She said that all her clothing, furniture and cattle were confiscated and she was turned out into the snow although she was pregnant. Her baby died.

When she sought refuge with a village neighbour, she said a drunken Russian official pestered her in her bedroom. She said that she could not return to Russia, as she would be classified as a Kulak (rich peasant) class liquidated by the Soviet Government in 1930.

After several more witnesses, the Counsel for the defence said that he hoped to be able to call tomorrow Mr Zilliacus, the British Labour Member of Parliament.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Ulster Premier's Election Plank

Belfast, Jan. 31.—Thirty-two out of the 52 seats in the Northern Ireland House of Commons will be contested at the general election on February 10.

Nominations today gave unopposed returns to 14 Unionists, two Independent Unionists, two Nationalists and two Irish Labour candidates. For 28, seats in Belfast and the counties, there are 28 Unionist candidates, 15 Nationalists, nine Labour, three Independent Labour, one Independent Unionist and one Communist.

Sir Basil Brooke, the Premier and Unionist leader, who has made the election issue: "King or Republic," aims at increasing his majority to demonstrate that Northern Ireland will not leave the United Kingdom to join the new Eire Republic.

The Nationalist Party, aided by funds collected in Eire, is making its second anti-partition campaign. By placing 17 candidates in the field, it is creating a record.—Reuter.

Kowloon Tar Fire

Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, an appliance under Sub-Officer Wu Man-chiu, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, was despatched to Tok-wan, in the Kunkong district, where a small quantity of tar had become ignited in Kiang Sou Street.

The flames were soon extinguished and the engine returned to the Terminus Station shortly after 8.40.

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Macleod, b Howarth 6
White, c Kerr, b Howarth 6
Gamble, not out 0
Extras 0
Total (for 8 wkt) 128

HKCC

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T. A. Pearce, b Howarth 49
D. Leach, c Gambrill, b Stepto 49
M. Newton, c Banton 49
H. W. Franklin, b Howarth 49
G. T. Rose, c Murray-Brown, b Stepto, not out 19
L. M. Macleod, b Stepto 27
F. Howarth, b Stepto 0
N. Macleod, b Stepto 0
J. D. Clague, not out 0
Extras 0
Total 167

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
F. Zimmern 12 2 20 5
R. E. Lee 12 2 20 5
W. M. Davidson 12 2 20 5

RECREIO

L. G. Gosano, c A. Zimmern, b R. E. Lee 49
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Major A. R. Dave (Army v Recreio) 72

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Major C. R. Murray-Brown (Comb. Services v HKCC) 59

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W. M. Davidson (KCC v Recreio) 59

A. R. Abbas (IRC v Navy) 49

Cpl. Hart (Navy v IRC) 47

A. M. Prata (Recreio v KCC) 44

A. K. Ismail (IRC v Navy) 44

A. Zimmern (KCC v University) 44

M. Newton (HKCC v Comb. Services) 40

W. M. Davidson (KCC v University) 39

Dr. A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio v Army) 35

A. R. Ismail (IRC Intra-club) 34

A. M. Pearce (HKCC v Comb. Services) 33

S. H. Khan (IRC Intra-club) 30

Bowling

H. Minu (IRC Intra-club) 8-41

J. C. Koh (University v KCC) 7-30

J. E. Lee (KCC v Recreio) 7-44

A. M. Prata (IRC Intra-club) 6-55

F. Howarth (HKCC v Comb. Services) 5-44

L. A. Stepto (Comb. Services v HKCC) 5-48

A. P. Pereira (Recreio v Army) 5-03

Gnr. D. Banton (Army v Recreio) 4-03

CPO L. White (Navy v IRC) 4-54

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W. Indies Win Fourth Test

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Robbie Lee returned figures of 7

for 44, but apart from this, it could be regarded as his best bowling of the season to date. He was constantly varying his pace and pitch and only Prata in the early stages played him with any consistency.

Davidson, a big acquisition to the CCC, showed that he can bowl very useful stuff, especially when he pitches on the middle and off pegs.

The loss of the match impaired Recreio's chances for the championship but they lost gallantly, one and all being willing to try and score the required runs despite an accurate attack and safe fielding.

KCC

E. C. Fincher, c E. L. Gosano, b Pereira 6
W. M. Prata, c G. N. Gosano, b Pereira 6
A. Zimmern, b Pereira 6
C. Bond, b Beltram, b Pereira 6
N. H. Baker, b G. N. Gosano 6
F. R. Zimmern, b G. N. Gosano 6
J. Barrow, not out 6
A. M. Prata, c B. T. Gosano, b Pereira 6
G. E. Taylor, b G. N. Gosano 6
Extras 6

Total (for 8 wkt) 128

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
F. Zimmern 15 2 50
G. N. Gosano 11 2 31
R. E. Lee 11 2 31
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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Smother Play Wins Small Slam Here

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THIS is the last of five articles on the fascinating but difficult smother play.

It is the most difficult of all bridge plays to recognise because you usually have lost the timing on the hand before you realise that a smother play is possible. To get the full benefit of today's hand, you should lay the cards out, because it is one of the more complicated smother plays.

On the opening lead of the six of clubs, East played the ten-spot and declarer won with the ace. His next play was the queen of hearts and West correctly put on the three-spot. Declarer let it ride. Even when East showed out, he was not too much worried, as he still hoped for a spade break.

The deuce of hearts was led, and when West played the four-spot, dummy's eight was finessed. Now



SCIENCE AT WORK:

RADIATION EXPERIMENTS MADE ON POTATOES

BY PAUL F. ELLIS

A POTATO patch that may lead to a variety greater in yield and resistant to bugs is growing here almost within the shadow of America's first postwar atomic energy pile.

The plants in the patch are ordinary potatoes in one way; in another way, they are not.

Dr Leslie F. Nims, head of the biology department of Brookhaven National Laboratory, explained that the potatoes are ordinary in that they were selected from the common garden variety. The difference, however, is that they were X-rayed before planting. A super potato may be the ultimate result.

The plantings were divided into lots with some receiving more radiation than others. Purpose of the experiment is to determine the effect of radiation on plants.

The plants growing from heavily X-rayed seeds are scrappy, and in one particular row only one plant came up. Comparisons are made with two rows of plants grown from non-X-rayed seeds.

Dr Nims said that each plant will be studied and that subsequent studies will be made of plants grown from the new harvest of potatoes. It may take several generations of potatoes before significant changes appear. These changes would be the result of the X-radiation altering the genetic, or hereditary, mechanism of the plants.

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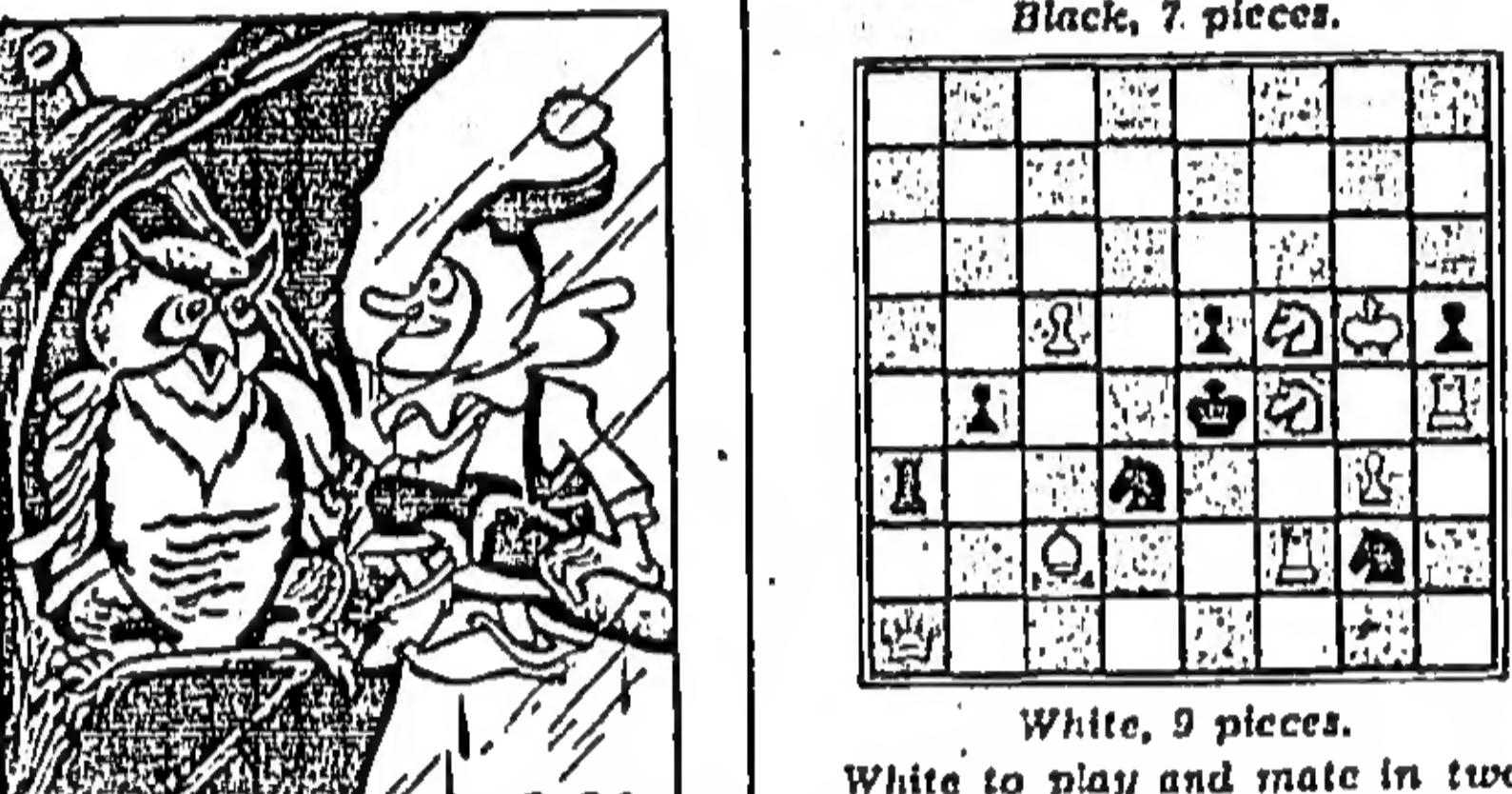
Oxygen Valve

A war-developed oxygen valve used by wounded airmen at high altitude is now available for treatment of polio victims and other respiratory disease patients.

The new instrument is known as the pneumophore. The makers report that experiments indicate that the instrument has "vast potentialities in the field of inhalational therapy—the treatment of chest ailments by the breathing of drugs, such as penicillin dust."

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. A. SCHIFFMAN
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-R4, any; 2. R, B, or Kt mates.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Pandi Kristo, Koci Xoxo, Idris Williams, Aaro Usitalo, Leon Mauvais, Alice Sportiase, Chrysia Hadjivassiliou, Kim Tubong, Pham-Van-Khoa, Teresa Noce Longo, Harry Sitcher, Konstantin Theo.

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In passing

THE revelation that an electric iron is not likely to interfere with planes at a distance of more than one hundred yards has set a problem in civil defence. It is thought that enormous irons and vacuum cleaners, massed in private houses, might be more effective in dealing with raiding planes. But such methods might interfere with radio programmes, so that you could either be fined for interfering with your neighbour's entertainment, or for not interfering with hostile raiders. Or both. What about an enormous magnet erected on the coast to attract the steel carcasses of Communist air-hostesses? Or would that interfere with television stations?

Hogwasch

If Hogwasch can get a couple of million pounds from the Government and another couple from the City, we are in for a six-hour film about the childhood of Beethoven, with little Freddie Fungus as the composer. We shall see him playing his first composition, the variations on a march by Dressler, to the astonished Mozart, but what we shall hear, of course, is the Cuban pianist, Estrada Pechardo.

Today's dish

(by Mrs. Whelkstuffer, author of "O Fried Sole Mio!")

GIBELOTTE de Snook a l'Huile Foie de Morue.

Open a tin of etc., etc., etc., as for Beetroot-Sausage Pudding.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

More Demand For US Leaf Tobacco

Washington, Jan. 31.—World demand for United States leaf tobacco today is higher than before the war, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

If the present demand continues, the Department said, U. S. producers will have to increase their outputs to bolster depleted stocks.

Despite the fact that the world's overall tobacco production, forecast at over 7,000,000,000 lbs. for the 12 months ending June 1949, is in approximate balance with the world's effective demand, it is becoming increasingly apparent that world stocks of U. S. leaf are dangerously low, officials added.

"If importers are able to choose the leaf they desire," Mr. Gibbs said, "the movement of United States leaf in world trade might represent a larger proportion of total international trade in tobacco than in prewar years."

Canada and some Latin-American countries increased leaf production from 1939 to 1940, to meet higher domestic and export demand. However, since 1940, exchange restrictions have resulted in some stock accumulation.

The dollar shortage has prevented Great Britain from reselling depleted leaf stocks. Current stocks of U. S. tobacco in Empire warehouses are at a one-year level, against the normal prewar two-year level.

A pronounced shift to consumption of products containing U. S. leaf has resulted in dangerously low continental European stocks. However, the prevailing dollar shortage has prevented most nations on the continent from meeting requirements.

In the near eastern and south eastern European nations, consumer demand has shifted from Oriental-type cigarettes produced in that area to American-blended types. Despite continual dollar shortages, most nations in this area have favoured trade in leaf tobacco.

Production of leaf in 1948 in the Netherlands East Indies, the Philippines and Japan, was far below prewar level. The potential demand for flue-cured leaf is far above prewar. Limited exchange and internal political disturbances now prevent increased imports.

In Australia and New Zealand, stocks are very low in relation to consumption because of increasing financial difficulties.

South Africa's surplus producers are benefiting from the dollar shortage in importing countries and are increasing production to meet the demand, especially from Great Britain.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$80,560,000. Transactions and noon prices:

BANKS	1220	144
East Asia	700	700
INSURANCES	370	370
Canton	700	700
Underwriters	510	510
HK Fire	200	200
DOCKS, ETC.	140	140
H. K. Wharf (G)	135	135
Dock (N)	200	200
LAND, ETC.	151	151
H. K. Land	670	670
UTILITIES	21.10	21.10
Trans.	200	200
St. G. Light (G)	1400	1331
C. Light (M)	111	111
Electric	3014	3034
Mackay Electric	27	27
	75	75

CLOSING RATES

	Jan. 31
Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$0.2077
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	2.093
Australia	3.23-3.4
Brazil	.0060
Belgium	2.00-2.04
Canada	2.00-2.04
Chile	.2200
England	4.03-4.5
France	.0031-3
India	1.00
Mexico	1.450
New Zealand	4.02
Peru	.0070
Portugal	2.00-2.04
South Africa	2.00-2.04
Switzerland	2.518
Uruguay	.0030
Venezuela	.0030
Netherlands	.00775
Hongkong	.0030
Singapore	.0030
Shanghai	.0015

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

STOCKS, ETC.	40	CLOSING RATES
Dairy (G)	45	Jan. 31
Dairy (N)	55	1.450
Watson (G)	111	1.450
Watson (N)	97.5	100
	97.5	100

Anglo-Iranian's New Project

Damascus, Jan. 31.—The biggest oil refinery in the Middle East, fed by the world's largest pipeline—36 inches in diameter—is planned by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company if an agreement with Premier Khaled El Azem is ratified by the Syrian Parliament next week.

The Premier announced today that negotiations have been going on for the past 20 days, and described their progress as "excellent."

He added that the plan would be referred to the Syrian House of Representatives for final ratification "very soon," together with the monetary agreement with France.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAILED

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
CLOSING TIMES BY AIR
Swatow, Amoy, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping and Hulow, 3:30 p.m.; Shanghai, 5 p.m.; Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada.

5 p.m.
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (CPO) 4:30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.; Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Packets Posts) for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (CPO) 4:30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.; Bangkok, 4:30 p.m. (reg); 5 p.m. (ord); Hongkong, 4:30 p.m. (reg); 5 p.m. (ord); Closing Times By Sea
Manila, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 3 p.m.; Shanghai, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
CLOSING TIMES BY AIR
Swatow and Amoy, 6:30 a.m. (reg); Shanghai, 6 a.m. (reg); 6:30 a.m. (ord); Manila, 12:30 p.m.; Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peiping, and Hulow, 3:30 p.m.; Fochow, 3:30 p.m.; Closing Times By Sea
Japan, 10 a.m.; Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
CLOSING TIMES BY AIR
Tsinling, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Alexandria, via Port Said, Cairo, and London, (CPO) 4:30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.; Bangkok, Singapore, Malaya, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.; Japan, 5 p.m.; Closing Times By Sea
Tsinling, Sourabaya and Macassar, Noon, Straits, 1 p.m.; USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), 3 p.m.; Amoy, Hulow, Pakhoi via Hulow, 2 p.m.

UK SHIPBUILDING

London, Jan. 31.—Mr. H. B. Howell, President of the Shipbuilding Conference, reported that British yards have enough orders.

including one for £110,000,000, from foreign owners to keep them busy for several years.

Mr. Howell estimated the backlog at 4,500,000 tons gross.—Associated Press.

CROSSWORD

Rupert and Margot—55



Rupert waited to hear what this question was that Whoozis the Owl couldn't answer.

"I asked him," said Mr. Punch, "How peas, beans and barley grow? And all poor Whoozis could do was to shake his head sadly and say that neither he nor I, nor anyone knows, how peas, beans and barley grow. I felt very sorry for poor Whoozis especially since I knew the answer to that myself."

"Oh!" said Knarf. "That's right!"

"Of course it is. I asked him: Whoozis—is the moon made of cheese?" And he answered: "If it isn't made of cheese, you just get me a piece of it and show me that it's made of something else." But one day," said Mr. Punch, "I asked him a question that he couldn't answer."

"And did he answer that question, Mr. Punch?"

"He certainly did. He said: 'It's going to keep on raining until it stops, and not one moment longer.' It was the best answer I had ever heard about rain."

Waited To Hear</



POSTER GIRL AT HOME—Linda Brown, 4, poster girl of the 1949 "March of Dimes" campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, goes into the tub after a day of official visits. A victim of infantile paralysis a year and a half ago, Linda was cured through the Foundation.

New British Navy Is In Process Of Creation

RADICAL INNOVATIONS

London, Jan. 31.—A new British Navy with all latest developments in radio-guided missiles and jet propulsion is being created by scientists and engineers moving towards use of atomic power.

Reciprocal Commonwealth defence plans, already well under way, have allocated a total of £30,000,000 for research and development according to official estimates.

Naval strategists foresee radical innovations in design made essential by potentialities of atomic bombs and ships navigated and fought entirely by electronic devices.

Russians Wont Return POWs

Strike Unreasonable Attitude

London, Jan. 31.—The Soviet reaction to a British query about the return of German prisoners of war had been "not untypical," Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

"It contests the accuracy of our statement, makes some counter-accusations—completely without foundation—and declines to enter into negotiations," he said in reply to a question.

The full Soviet reply had not yet been received at the Foreign Office, he added.

Asked if all the evidence did not show that there were made more than 200,000 German prisoners in Soviet territory, Mr. McNeil replied: "I should think that would be a conservative statement."

STILL HOPEFUL

Mr. Nigel Birch, Conservative, suggested that he should publish photographs showing the physical condition of the prisoners returned from Russia.

Mr. McNeil replied, however: "We are still hopeful that the Soviet Government may prove reasonable on this subject, although their first reaction has not been of that kind."

"I would not like to commit myself to the suggestion that we should publish photographs, although I agree that the physical condition of many cases has been most regrettable."

The British note to the Soviet Union said Britain had repatriated all her German prisoners. It asked if Russia had done likewise in accordance with the agreement reached at the Moscow Council of Foreign Ministers in 1947 that all German prisoners in the hands of the occupying powers should be sent back to Germany by December last.—Reuter.

Bandits Rob Bank

Miami Beach, Florida, Jan. 31.—Bandits today held up the Merchantile Bank on the fashionable Lincoln Road and escaped with an estimated \$70,000.—United Press.

REVERSIBLE TURBINE

British research engineers have also developed the first reversible gas turbine for ships after three years experimenting.

The invention is an oil-operated coupling linked with a turbine, that will enable a ship's propeller shaft to be reversed without having two separate propulsion units.

Jet propelled ships with 1,400 tons displacement are being laid down. Their speed and specifications are being kept secret but it is understood they are designed as escort ships which naval designers said would be "a vital force in any future war operations."

British is also well advanced in naval air strategy with jet propelled aircraft and jet plane landings at "ocean air bases" are now routine practice.

NEW TRAINING

These revolutionary designs are necessitating complete reorganisation in training and recruitment of Naval personnel.

The Navy of the future has yet to emerge from the training establishments. Assessment of potentialities of atomic bombs and guided missiles in sea warfare is the guiding influence in training naval personnel of the future," an officer of the Director of Naval Personnel Department told the United Press.

British naval strength today consists of four battleships, three fleet carriers, five light fleet carriers, 17 cruisers, 34 submarines, 52 destroyers and 43 frigates.

In addition some 250 fighting ships are in "cold storage" in coastal naval stations. Numbers have already had superstructures modified to withstand near misses from atom bombs and all crews are being initiated into the mysteries of gamma radiation.—United Press.

LATEST AT BOMBS

Washington, Jan. 31.—The United States has atomic bombs which are much more explosive than those dropped on Japan or used at the Bikini tests, the Atomic Energy Commission announced today.

"Further developments are now in progress," the Commission's fifth

TACTICAL MANOEUVRES

The Commission said that it had procured "weapons, armoured vehicles, communications and other equipment" from the Army as protection against either sabotage or attack.

The report added that the atomic agency's own "protective forces" have participated in "tactical manoeuvres and practice alerts" with both Army and Air Force combat units.

Mr. Lillenthal said all that is "simply a form of local guard protection" and added that the Commission "is not taking over in anyway the responsibility of the Army."

The report also disclosed that an "office of the director of intelligence" has been set up "to correlate and evaluate information on foreign atomic energy developments."—Associated Press.

MARRIED ON HORSEBACK

East Rochester, New York, Jan. 31.—Francis Rowe and Barbara Smith met at a horse show. So they were married yesterday on horseback.

The bride wore a beige buckskin jacket, a ten-gallon hat and red boots. The groom wore a bright plaid shirt. Both wore dungarees.

All the wedding party, including the Justice of the Peace, Ward Hendee, were on horseback during the ceremony, which was conducted in an open paddock at the Double Diamond Ranch here.

Rowe said he proposed to Miss Smith while out riding one day. Their dream is to own a Western ranch. After the ceremony, they left on their honeymoon—in an automobile.—United Press.

New Assistant Sec. Of State

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Truman today nominated Mr. Dean Rusk, Director of the State Department's Office of United Nations Affairs, to succeed Mr. Norman Armour as Assistant Secretary of State.

The State Department said that in addition to the supervision of the work of the Office of United Nations Affairs, Mr. Rusk's duties would include assisting the Under-Secretary in co-ordinating the work of the Office of Far Eastern Affairs and the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs.

Mr. Rusk, who will be 40 next week, was appointed Assistant Chief of State Department's Division of International Security Affairs in 1946, after six years in the Army as Deputy Chief of the United States armed forces in South East Asia during the war.

Mr. Norman Armour resigned as Assistant Secretary of State last June.—Reuter.

Norway Reacts To Soviet Note On Atlantic Pact

STRONG PRESS COMMENT

Stockholm, Jan. 31.—Increased military preparedness was urged by three Stockholm newspapers today following the Soviet note to Norway demanding a clarification of her attitude towards a North Atlantic Pact.

Demanding "swift measures," the papers all regarded the note as signifying a shifting of the cold war to the Scandinavian peninsula.

The Soviet note was handed to the Norwegian Foreign Office in Oslo on Saturday. It warned Norway not to join the North Atlantic Pact reminding border with Russia.

The delivery of the note coincided with the failure in Oslo of efforts to form a Scandinavian military alliance which would have kept Norway out of the Atlantic Pact.

Most Stockholm newspapers predicted that the Soviet note would hasten rather than delay Norway's joining the Atlantic Alliance.

Stockholm newspapers also stressed that the failure of efforts to force on a Scandinavian Pact had

resulted in a serious deterioration in Scandinavia's position.

The picture of a divided Scandinavia, such as is now emerging, can only be attractive to a great power in our immediate vicinity," the Liberal afternoon paper, Expressen, said in an editorial.

Describing the Russian note as an attempt to frighten Norway to keep clear of the West, the paper urged a thorough overhaul without delay of military supply and political positions.

The Conservative newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet, said that Stalin was shaking his fist at Norway while at the same time waving his other hand in a friendly gesture toward the Western powers.

The paper added that the shadow of big power politics was hanging over Sweden and that this constituted a serious challenge to the country's preparedness.

The Liberal Stockholm's Tidningen said that the Soviet note implied a shifting of the cold war to the Scandinavian Peninsula, adding that the situation now required increased alertness and greater efforts on Sweden's part to look after herself with all the resources at her disposal.—Associated Press.

WAITING TO SHARE A FORTUNE

Winsted, Connecticut, Jan. 31.—If 15 missing heirs to a mystery fortune left by a millionaire Jewish salvage collector, Benjamin Epstein, are not found by February 7 two Jews living in Palestine and a woman living in Montevideo will share equally \$200,000 of the estate.

The three—Abraham Gopstein of Haifa and Sora Gopstein of Haifa and Molly Arbog—were children of Benjamin Epstein, he said, "and in the military know the number of veterans in the stockpile."

Epstein died here six years ago at the age of 63. His friends were startled to learn he had amassed an estate worth more than one million dollars.

He will directed that his estate—\$800,000 after taxes and death duties are deducted—be kept intact for five years and then shared equally between his 16 nephews and nieces.

Only three of his heirs have been traced after a long and expensive search by his executors.

The executors sought a judgment from the Probate Court to declare all other heirs legally dead, but the judge refused and ordered the search to be continued.—Reuter.

Throw In Lot With Reuters

London, Jan. 31.—The Indian newspapers became joint owners of Reuters in partnership with the newspapers of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand from tomorrow, February 1.

This marks the conclusion of the agreement negotiated last summer in London between Reuters and a delegation of Indian newspaper proprietors. The new partnership means that there would be an Indian member of the Reuter Board and an Indian trustee of Reuters.

Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice, has given his consent to the necessary changes in the Reuter Trust.

On March 7, a Reuter mission is flying to India for the inauguration of the National Indian news agency, co-operatively owned by the Indian newspapers under the title Press Trust of India, Limited.

The mission will consist of Lord Layton, Chairman of the News Chronicle and Star newspapers, Mr. Malcolm Graham, Chairman of the Express and Star, Wolverhampton, Mr. R. A. Henderson, Chairman of the Australian Associated Press, and Mr. C. J. Chancellor, General Manager of Reuter.—Reuter.

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